

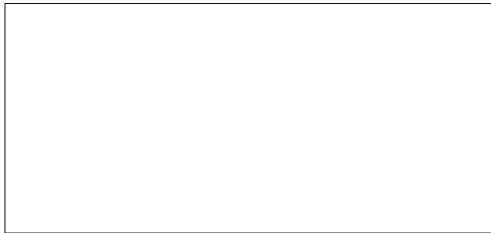
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28 APR 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Director, Office of External Affairs  
SUBJECT: Memorial Service Remarks

Attached are proposed remarks for your use at the Memorial Service to be held at 1500 hours Friday, 29 April, behind the Headquarters cafeteria.

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REMARKS OF THE  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
AT THE  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY  
HELD AT  
HEADQUARTERS  
ON  
29 APRIL 1983

WE MEET HERE TODAY TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF OUR [REDACTED]  
COLLEAGUES WHO [REDACTED] GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR  
COUNTRY. THEY DIED IN [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IN A MINDLESS ACT OF TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST THE  
UNITED STATES. THEY WERE NOT THE FIRST TO MAKE THE SUPREME  
SACRIFICE. BUT THEY DID NOT DIE IN VAIN. THEIR DEATHS CANNOT  
BE ROBBED OF MEANING IF THEY CAUSE US TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES  
TO THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THIS AGENCY. THE GREAT USE OF A LIFE  
IS TO SPEND IT FOR SOMETHING THAT OUTLASTS IT.

THE GREAT AMERICAN NOVELIST, HERMAN MELVILLE, ONCE SAID:  
"WE AMERICANS ARE THE PECULIAR CHOSEN PEOPLE...WE ARE THE ARK  
OF LIBERTIES OF THE WORLD."

THERE ARE THOSE, I KNOW, WHO WILL SAY THAT THE LIBERATION  
OF HUMANITY, THE FREEDOM OF MAN AND MIND IS NOTHING BUT A  
DREAM. THEY ARE RIGHT. IT IS THE AMERICAN DREAM.

THE HEROES AND HEROINES WE HONOR TODAY WERE AWARE THAT  
[REDACTED] A CRISIS CENTER. WHEN WRITTEN IN CHINESE, THE WORD  
"CRISIS" IS COMPOSED OF TWO CHARACTERS - ONE REPRESENTS DANGER  
AND ONE REPRESENTS OPPORTUNITY. OUR PEOPLE WENT [REDACTED] IN  
SPITE OF THE DANGER BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE  
TO THE PEACE [REDACTED] WE HAVE OTHER CIA MEN AND  
WOMEN IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WHO HAVE ACCEPTED DANGER

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BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF OUR NATION, NAMELY FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND PEACE. THEY ARE ENTITLED TO, AND THEY SHALL RECEIVE, OUR FULL SUPPORT.

TERRORISM OF THE SORT WE HAVE JUST EXPERIENCED STRIDES BRAZENLY THROUGH THE WHOLE WORLD CAUSING GREAT SUFFERING. IT CANNOT WIN. ITS STERILITY HAS ALREADY BEEN MANIFESTED AND PROVEN MANY TIMES IN HISTORY. IN THE END, CONSTRUCTION WINS OUT OVER DESTRUCTION, HOPE OVER DESPAIR, AND LOVE OVER HATE. IN THE MEANTIME, WE MUST PERSEVERE IN OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM. WE OWE THIS TO THOSE WHO DIED [REDACTED] THE CHALLENGE IS URGENT; THE TASK IS DIFFICULT; THE TIME IS NOW.

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WHAT HAPPENED [REDACTED] IS A POINTED REMINDER OF WHAT CONFRONTS OUR PEOPLE OVERSEAS. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND WITH CONGRESS TO LIMIT OUR VULNERABILITIES. THE DANGER OF OVERSEAS WORK EXTENDS TO ALL DIRECTORATES OF THE AGENCY. OFTEN WE PAY TOO LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE EVERYDAY COST OF OVERSEAS WORK. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THOSE IN THE FIELD KNOW THAT WE HERE ARE FULLY MINDFUL OF THE DANGERS THEY FACE AND THE SACRIFICES THEY MAKE.

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MY THOUGHTS AT THIS TIME GO BACK MANY CENTURIES AGO TO SOME VERSE CARVED ON THE ROCKS AT THE PASS OF THERMOPYLAE (THER-MAH-PAH-LEE) NORTH OF ATHENS WHERE A FEW GREEKS IN 480 B.C. VALIANTLY WITHSTOOD THOUSANDS OF PERSIANS.

THE WORDS READ:

"GO PASSERBY AND TO SPARTA TELL  
THAT WE IN FAITHFUL SERVICE FELL"

WE HERE REMEMBER AND HONOR OUR OWN WHO -- "IN FAITHFUL  
SERVICE FELL."